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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. As July 5, 2003 was a Saturday, this Reply & Amendment is being filed with a one month extension of time to extend the period for response to Monday, July 7, 2003.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Five Times Amended) A composition for the curative and prophylactic treatment of obesity, suitable for oral administration, comprising an extract of green tea having from 20% to 50% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG), and from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine, said catechols and caffeine being present in said extract in a combined synergistic thermogenically effective amount, the